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JULY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 15 percent below 2005.

* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 31.1 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 3.3 bushels from last year.

* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 300.8 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2005.

KENTUCKY

Winter wheat production was forecast at 22.6 million bushels. The July 1 estimate was up 7 percent from the June forecast, 11 percent from the 2005 crop and largest wheat crop in five years. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred before July 1. Yield per acre was estimated at a record high 73 bushels per acre, an increase of five bushels from the June 1 estimate. The previous record high yield of 68 bushels occurred last year. Most farmers reported good to excellent grain quality and yield. Insect and disease pressure on the crop has been light. Farmers intend to harvest 310,000 acres for grain, an increase of 10,000 acres from the previous year. The 90,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to setting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain silage or abandoned.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2006

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2005	Ind. 2006	2005	Ind. 2006	2004	2005	Ind. 2006
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	21.0	45,900	52,800	42,000
Illinois	600	870	61.0	68.0	53,100	36,600	59,160
Indiana	340	450	72.0	69.0	27,280	24,480	31,050
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	32.0	314,500	380,000	300,800
KENTUCKY	300	310	68.0	73.0	20,520	20,400	22,630
Missouri	540	870	54.0	53.0	48,360	29,160	46,110
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	40.0	66,830	94,500	78,000
Nebraska	1,760	1,650	39.0	34.0	61,050	68,640	56,100
Ohio	830	1,010	71.0	68.0	55,180	58,930	68,680
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	23.0	164,500	128,000	71,300
South Dakota	1,490	1,100	44.0	36.0	56,250	65,560	39,600
Tennessee	150	190	56.0	61.0	13,720	8,400	11,590
Texas	3,000	1,400	32.0	25.0	108,500	96,000	35,000
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	67.0	117,250	120,600	120,600
U.S.	33,794	31,108	44.4	41.1	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,280,005

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2006, were greater than year earlier levels for beef, eggs, chicken, butter, and cheese.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2006 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2005	April 30 2006	May 31 2006	May 2005	April 2006
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	665,006	840,995	774,827	117	92
Turkey	465,920	423,732	465,990	100	110
Ducks	2,277	8,002	7,929	348	99
Total Frozen Poultry	1,133,203	1,272,729	1,248,746	110	98
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	318,190	428,508	434,523	137	101
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	81,694	69,540	64,857	79	93
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	512,887	517,447	473,083	92	91
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	848,629	964,065	925,924	109	96

1/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in May, up 9 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in May 2005. May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,241 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 6 percent above May 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 06 % of	
				May 2005	April 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,074	1,973	2,297	111	116
Veal	13.2	10.9	13.1	99	120
Pork	1,611	1,613	1,722	107	107
Lamb & Mutton	14.8	17.0	16.3	110	96
Total U.S.	3,713	3,614	4,049	109	112
Total Kentucky	34.6	37.1	40.0	116	108

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MAY 2005 & 2006 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.2	1.5	1,142	1,429	934	965
Hogs	169.4	195.4	45,275	52,212	267	267
Sheep & Lambs	1.4	1.1	187	141	138	123
United States						
Cattle	2,793.3	3,038.7	3,414,554	3,771,115	1,222	1,241
Hogs	8,031.7	8,537.0	2,166,713	2,316,699	270	271
Sheep & Lambs	208.1	225.8	29,664	32,516	143	144

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2006

PRODUCT	May 2005	Apr. 2006 <u>1/</u>	May 2006	Percent of May 05 Apr. 06	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	120,715	128,457	129,468	107	101
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	332,501	338,715	345,886	104	102
Mozzarella	262,238	261,653	265,599	101	102
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	189,204	186,109	195,663	103	105
Total	783,943	786,477	807,148	103	103
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	78,375	77,408	82,064	105	106
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,239	5,960	6,638	106	111
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	44,652	43,553	46,537	104	107
Yogurt Mix	3,859	3,612	4,023	104	111

1/Revised. 2/Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 2005	May 2006	May 06 % of May 05
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,572	7,628	101
Average Layers (000)	341,819	344,735	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,215	2,213	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	34,064	37,384	110
Chicks Hatched (000)	38,792	40,320	104
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	668,018	660,638	99
Chicks Hatched (000)	823,993	810,908	98

PEACH PRODUCTION

Commercial peach production for **Kentucky** was forecast at 850 tons, an increase of 100 tons from a year earlier. Many growers report excellent crops while others report frost and/or hail damage to their peaches. Peach producing conditions for 2006 have been very favorable.

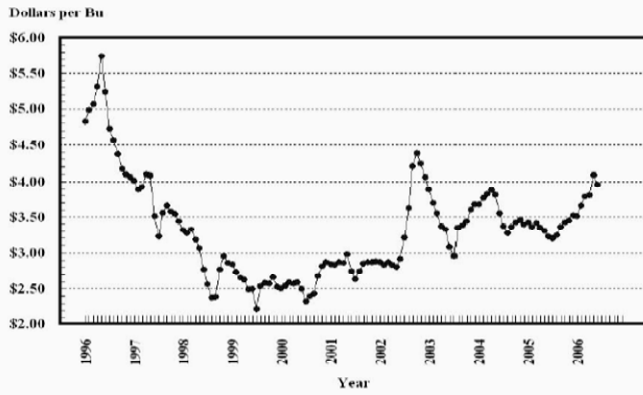
U.S. peach production was forecast at 1.06 million tons, down 11 percent from 2005 and 19 percent below the 2004 crop. Half of the 28 Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while 12 States decreased their production from the previous season, and 2 States showed no change.

COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2005 & 2006 FORECAST

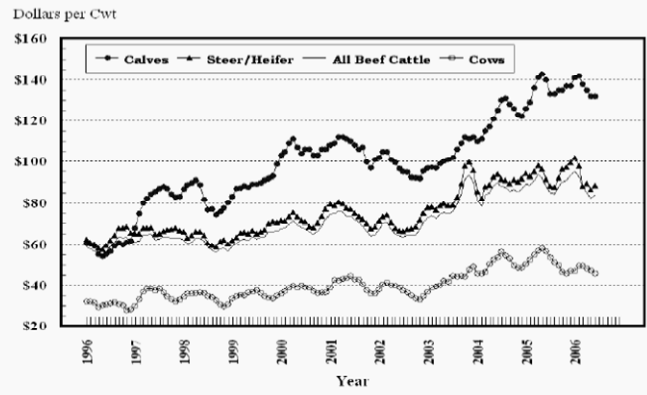
2006 Rank	STATE	2005	2006 <u>1/</u>
		(Tons)	
TOP FIVE STATES			
1.	California	869,000	760,000
2.	South Carolina	75,000	60,000
3.	Georgia	40,000	42,000
4.	New Jersey	35,000	35,000
5.	Pennsylvania	26,600	29,500
KENTUCKY & SURROUNDING STATES			
8.	Illinois	11,200	11,500
12.	Missouri	5,800	6,700
19.	Ohio	2,100	3,600
24.	Tennessee	2,000	1,700
27.	KENTUCKY	750	850
UNITED STATES		1,184,550	1,058,300

1/ July 1, 2006

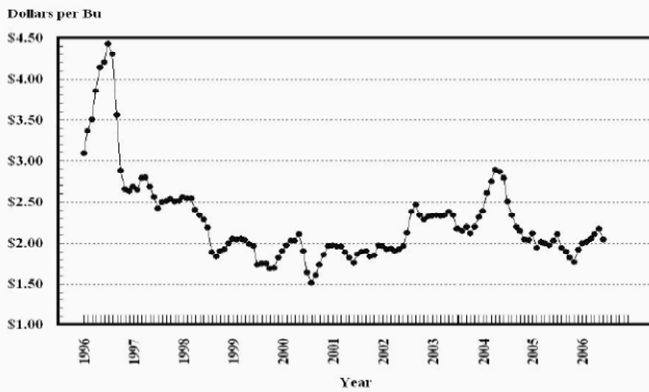
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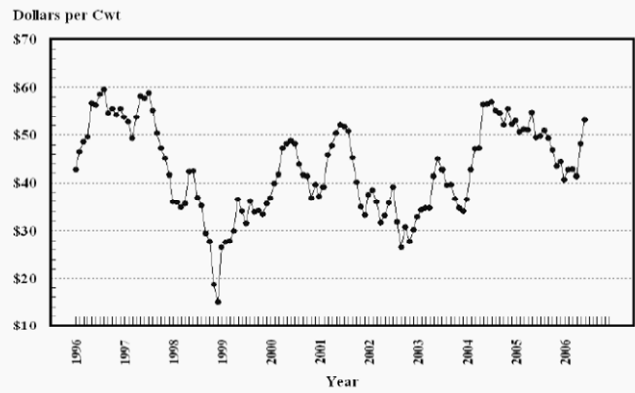
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